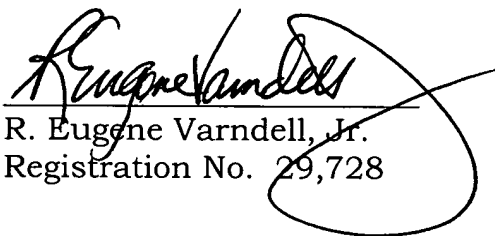


captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**" Early consideration and allowance of Claims 1-4, 16, and 18-22 are respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 4, 6, and 13 were amended as follows:

--3. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the black currant anthocyanin is prepared by purifying and concentrating black currant juice with a charged reverse osmosis membrane.--

--4. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3] wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin with delphinidin content being 0.5 to 12.5% by weight, preferably 2.5 to 12.5% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.

--6. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3] wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside with the delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside content being 0.4 to 10% by weight, preferably 2 to 10% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.--

--13. [Amended] A functional food or drink which comprises the composition for food according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 7].—

--16. (Amended) The compositions for food or functional food or drink according to claim [15] 1 wherein the effect for improving visual function are an effect of alleviating asthenopia, an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity, an effect of alleviating myopia, an effect of recovering lowered refracting power of crystalline lens, an effect of improving visual acuity in darkness, an effect of improving adaptation to darkness, an effect of improving retinal function, or an effect of improving retinal rod.--